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LOOKING UP...

by Nan Wagner

Recent articles have been written regarding the use of Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Your Worship Committee has decided in favor of using them here at St. John's. We wish you would take time to write the name of someone you would like to see in this position in the space provided and return it in next Sunday's Offertory. We will then make a list of the names and submit them to our Bishop who will make the final choice.

My Choice for an Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist is:

Name .....

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of Richard Yargeau who died August 1st and was buried last Thursday in Quebec, Canada. Mr. Yargeau is survived by his wife, Therese, and eight children, Francine, Jacqueline, Sylvia, Alain, Regean, Line, Lisom and Sophie.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

THIS PRIVILEGED HOUR...

by Father King

VICARIATE GROUPS URGE CONTINUATION OF VICARIATE

At the August 2 meeting of the Vicariate Council, the question of the recommendation of the people of the Vicariate to continue the vicariate concept was discussed and voted upon.

The Board of Directors, at the July 12 meeting, made a recommendation as follows: "In view of what has been accomplished through the Vicariate and, recognizing the potential inherent in the Vicariate concept, the Washtenaw Area Vicariate Executive Board hereby resolves that the Vicariate principle be sustained and continued".

The word 'resolves' was amended to read 'recommends' and the motion was, after very lengthy discussion, passed by a hand vote.

At a meeting of priests on July 29, a resolution was passed that reads as follows: "We recommend that the Washtenaw Vicariate has been, and is, a useful, viable form of pastoral administration in the Archdiocese of Detroit; we would like to continue operating at this level in the Washtenaw area as a member of the Lansing diocese.

"Because of the success we have experienced, we urge the Bishop and diocesan officials to consider its adoption for the whole Lansing diocese so that its fullest benefits can be utilized." Seven voted in favor of the resolution; one voted in opposition and 3 abstained.

In each of these meetings there was much discussion. Most of the concern that surfaced seemed to center around the appropriateness of our making a recommendation to our new Bishop. Perhaps this is symptomatic of a very real point of division in mentality. The feeling that to make a suggestion or recommendation might threaten the authority of leader, particularly if that leader be a Bishop.

Part of the solution to this point of dispute should, I would think, be found in the directions we have received in various documents of the Council. For example, in the Constitution on the Church, Bishops are addressed as follows: "Let him not refuse to listen to his subjects, whom he cherishes as his true sons and exhorts to cooperate readily with him". (No. 27)

This same document, addressing the laity, states: ".. the laity can be called in various ways to a more direct form of cooperation in the apostolate of the hierarchy... Consequently, let every opportunity be given them so that according to their abilities and the needs of the times, they may zealously participate in the saving work of the Church."

The response of pastors is described in No. 37--"Let sacred pastors recognize and promote the dignity as well as the responsibility of the layman in the church. Let them willingly make use of his prudent advice. Let them confidently assign duties to him in the service of the church, allowing him freedom and room for action...Furthermore, let pastors respectfully acknowledge that just freedom which belongs to everyone in this earthly city"

"A great many benefits", the text reads, "are to be hoped for from this familiar dialogue between the laity and their pastors: in the laity a strengthened sense of personal responsibility, a renewed enthusiasm, a more ready application of their talents to the projects of their pastors. The latter, for their part, aided by the experience of the laity, can more clearly and more suitably come to decisions regarding spiritual and temporal matters. In this way, the whole church, strengthened by each one of its members, can more effectively fulfill its mission for the life of the world."

Obviously, this concept is spelled out in much deeper terms in the Decree on the Laity.

If these and similar concepts are to become incarnate in the church that is called a 'pilgrim', it will call for deep attitudinal changes both in priests and laymen.

The participatory process is cumbersome and complex; but, in the world in which we live and will live, it is an indispensable process if leadership is to be exercised effectively in this privileged hour.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, August 9, 1971
7:15 am John and Genevieve Nanry, req. by Joseph Nanry Family
TUESDAY, August 10, 1971
7:15 am Lucille Miller, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hubert J. Doltch
7:00 pm Oramel Ennen, req. by Council of Catholic Women
WEDNESDAY, August 11, 1971
7:15 am Mr. & Mrs. George Yezbick, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hackett
THURSDAY, August 12, 1971
7:15 am George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max
FRIDAY, August 13, 1971
7:15 am Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek
SATURDAY, August 14, 1971
NO 9:00 A.M. MASS
4:00 pm Allan Reed - RoseAnn Stout Wedding
5:00 pm Nuptial Mass: Theodore Wingrove - Marie Harris
7:00 pm Deceased of the August Binder Family, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
SUNDAY, August 15, 1971
9:00 am Intention of the Larry McBride Family, req. by Margaret Bemis
11:00 am Al Walters, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Claude Ockert

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 14, 1971
7:00 PM . . . . . E. Look
SUNDAY, August 15, 1971
7:00 AM . . . . . D. Stokes
9:00 AM . . . . . R. Kuhl
11:00 AM . . . . . .M. Lewis
7:00 PM . . . . . .N. Pavlovick

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 14, 1971
7:00 PM . . . . . C. Budinger
SUNDAY, August 15, 1971
7:00 AM . . . . . P. Stokes
9:00 AM . . . . . D. Wheeler
11:00 AM . . . . . R. Martinez
7:00 PM . . . . . .G. Short

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III

Theodore Wingrove and Marie Harris

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WEEK OF AUGUST 8
Mon., Tues., Wed.
Jerry Sullivan and John Madigan
Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Rick Steby and Greg Gillman
Saturday, August 7
Jim Feuerstein and Jim Knowling
Sunday, August 8
7:00 am Matt Koch and Tom Patchak
9:00 am John Madigan and Gabriel Martinez
11:00 am Robert and James Eberts
7:00 pm Paul and Kevin Courtois
WEEK OF AUGUST 15
Mon., Tues., Wed.
Tom Greiner and Paul Buchard
Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Jerry Moses and David Gallesero
Saturday, August 14
Kevin and Chris McCarthy
Sunday, August 15
7:00 am Tim O'Hara and Mike Prevost
9:00 am Matt Chiodini and Gerald Sullivan
11:00 am Thomas Weishaar and Larry Dupuis
7:00 pm Tom Greiner and Paul Buchard

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Copy of a letter sent to the Cardinal by the Vicariate Executive Committee

Dear Cardinal Dearden,

As in all of life, mixed emotions are a part of every decision that affects the lives of people. Our recent decision of a change in dioceses has been filled with many of these mixed emotions. But through these your leadership has again been a stabling force to help make the decision more acceptable. Your vision as a man of the Church and your commitment of service to the Church was brought home to us again as you spoke to us of these changes. We, the people of the Vicariate of Washtenaw County, want to take this opportunity to say a few words of thanks for your leadership and direction as our Bishop as we move on to other dimensions in the church.

As in the past, your vision of the Church in modern times has given us a stability in a world that seems at times so unstable. We recognized again and again the vision of the Church that you have and that you try to give to us. It is because of you as a person in a position of leadership and responsibility, with the help of all the priests and people of the Detroit Archdiocese, that Detroit enjoys the reputation of leadership and vision in the Church in America.

We thank you for this vision and for your service and want to assure you that we will give the same responsible service and commitment to the Lansing Diocese and to Bishop Zaleski.

Sincerely in the Service of the Church,

Washtenaw Vicariate Executive Committee

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S GOSPEL

RESPONSIBILITY

Personal responsibility is the theme of today's reading from St. Luke. The vigilance and loyalty that characterize the servants in the parables are different ways of speaking about this same reality. Morever, we must remember that the Gospels were meant for the Christian congregations after Jesus left the earth, and so they mirror the concerns, the problems and the hopes of those early bands of men and women. Hence, the parables in today's reading also point to the presence of people responsible to the Gospel message and to the community of believers. The

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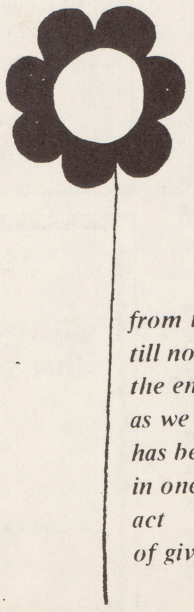
warning about the need to be faithful to the Gospel is found especially in the last two sentences of today's selection. "The verses are found only in Luke. The point of the passage concerns the leaders in the Christian community, who bear greater responsibility. God's own agents, loved more by Him, will suffer the more if they fail to correspond to the graces accorded for their role" (Jerome Commentary, Luke, p. 146.)

The same must be said for the Church of our own day. There is no guarantee of automatic fidelity to the Gospel in all the actions of the leaders of the Church. Indeed, since the Vatican Council, much has come to light about the official Church's failures to apply the Gospel in practice to the needs of our world. Conspicuous in our own Church here at home has been its failure to address itself to the ills of domestic racism and foreign war-making in anything but a token way. There are, of course, exceptions to this and the ease with which we can number them only points up how very much they are exceptions to the general conduct. But nothing much can change unless the Christian community itself takes action. Unless the kind of person who reads the Word of God will begin to demand of his Church leaders that they act with more fidelity to the Gospel for America, then nothing will happen. You must speak up and act against sermons that are dull repetitions of old cliches, devoid of preparation and meaning; parish policies that put financial well-being ahead of the needs of the people; policies that say nothing to the community's problems other than the parish will remain aloof from them. Petition and demonstrations of concern must also be applied to the diocesan leadership where it fails to apply the Gospel. All this may run counter to the feelings of many Christians brought up to leave Church leadership on its own. But in times of peril, we must consider whether our attitudes must not be changed to meet the needs of the day.



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